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NEWS RELEASE

The International Bridge Administration today announced that one-way traffic crossings of the International Bridge at Sault Ste. Marie totaled 170,854 for the month of June, 2003. This figure represents a decrease of 10.1% as compared to June, 2002.

Traffic statistics for the month are as follows:

<i>Vehicle Classification</i>	<i>One-Way Crossings</i>	<i>Percent of Inc/Dec. from 6/02</i>	<i>Percent of Total Crossings</i>
<i>Full-Fare Passenger Cars:</i>	90,766	-14.2%	53.1%
<i>Commuter Fare:</i>	61,410	-5.5%	36.0%
<i>Cars Pulling Trailers:</i>	8,009	-7.8-%	4.7%
<i>Commercial Trucks:</i>	10,669	0.5%	6.2%
<i>Totals:</i>	170,854		100%

Traffic for calendar year 2003 has totaled 864,273 vehicles; this represents a decrease of 9.5% as compared to 2002. Since the bridge opened in 1962, more than 74 million vehicles have crossed the structure.

Manager's Note: A lane closure will be in effect on the bridge beginning Monday, July 14th continuously through Friday, July 18th for joint repairs. Traffic will be maintained with "yield to oncoming traffic" signage. Motorists are urged to abide by the posted speed limits and signage and should use caution when traveling though the work zone.

Bridge toll rates, customs wait times, and information on commercial debit accounts can now be accessed through the IBA website at www.michigan.gov/iba.

Sincerely,

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